

## Celebrating 40 Years of Caring 1966 ~ 2006

January 1, 2007

To the Residents of Alton:

Genesis Behavioral Health (GBH) is grateful for the Town of Alton's 2006 Appropriation. Your contribution has helped GBH to cover the costs of providing mental health care to residents of your town who are unable to pay the full cost of their services.

During Fiscal Year 2006 (ending June 30, 2006), a total of 92 Alton residents came to GBH to find help for their mental health problems. Their ages break down as follows:

Age Range	Number of Clients
Ages 1 – 17	46
Ages 18 – 59	42
Age 60 and over	4
Total	92

From this total several residents did not have the resources to cover the cost of their services in full. "Charity care" was provided to these individuals in the amount of \$25,941.40. Your appropriation helped cover a portion of these costs.

Since 1966 GBH has provided mental health services for the residents of the Lakes Region. These services are provided to children in their homes, schools and in special programs at GBH which are designed to help them practice the skills they require to improve their lives. Elders receive services in the community including their homes, assisted living facilities and group homes. Our Gatekeeper program trains community volunteers to be alert to elders who live alone and may require assistance.

GBH also provides individual therapy for adults and children to address issues causing distress and to provide guidance towards positive behaviors. Our Community Support Program also provides services for adults living with life impacting mental illnesses. GBH Emergency Services are available 24 hours a day, everyday of the year. We are on call for individuals and their families who feel that they are a threat to themselves or others.

We are very grateful to the Town of Alton for your 2006 appropriation. Thank you for helping us to cover the costs of providing mental health care to residents of your town who are unable to pay the full cost of their services.

Sincerely,

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